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1. EVENING OF 14 SEP 88, [] OFFICER [] MET WITH [] (P/1), AND HIS MALTESE TRANSLATOR AS PLANNED. EARLIER IN THE DAY THE TRANSLATOR CALLED C/O AT [] TO CONFIRM THE MEETING. []

[] DURING THE TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION P/1 AGREED TO MEET C/O IN MALTA ON A REGULAR AND CLANDESTINE BASIS. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ACCEPT C/O'S OFFER FOR MONTHLY SALARY AT THIS TIME, C/O MADE IT CLEAR TO P/1 THAT MONEY (APPROXIMATELY USD 1,000/MONTH) WAS AVAILABLE TO HIM WHILE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY LAA. P/1 EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRIMARY BENEFIT [] COULD PROVIDE HIM WOULD BE TO ARRANGE SHAM SURGERY TO ENABLE HIM TO AVOID GOVERNMENT WORK IN THE FUTURE. WHILE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT A SALARY WAS AVAILABLE, P/1 STATED THAT HE DID NOT CURRENTLY NEED MONEY BUT DID AGREE TO GIVE THE OFFER CONSIDERATION. C/O EMPHASIZED THAT [] WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN HELPING HIM WHILE ASSURING P/1 HE COULD MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP. P/1 AGREED TO MEET C/O AGAIN ON 24 SEP.

2. DURING THE DISCUSSION P/1 PROVIDED SEVERAL INTEL TIDBITS ON THE ESO AND THE LAA WHICH HE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM ESO OFFICIALS DURING HIS AUGUST VISIT TO TRIPOLI. HE TOLD C/O THAT HE TALKED BRIEFLY WITH SENIOR ESO OFFICER 'ABD AL-SALAM AL-((ZADMA))

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AND SEVERAL OF ZADMA'S IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. HE TOLD C/O THAT HE RETURNED TO LIBYA AS DIRECTED ON 13 AUG TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT AT THE LAA COUNTER IN MALTA WHICH HAD INDUCED HIM TO CONTACT [] IN MID-AUGUST. HIS SUPERIORS APPARENTLY EXONERATED HIM FOR ANY WRONGDOING IN THE MATTER AND PERMITTED HIM TO RETURN TO MALTA. THEY REPLACED THE LAA STATION CHIEF IN MALTA, LAMIN ((FHIMAH)), HOWEVER, WITH A NEW LAA OFFICIAL (NFI), WHICH HAS NOW FUELED P/1'S CONCERNS THAT HIS DAYS IN MALTA ARE NUMBERED. P/1 SPECULATED THAT HE MAY BE PERMANENTLY RECALLED TO LIBYA IN LATE 1988 OR EARLY 1989. HIS CONCERN APPEARED TO BE INTUITIVE IN NATURE, HOWEVER, RATHER THAN BASED ON ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE. P/1 TOLD C/O THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS CURRENTLY AN EMPLOYEE OF LAA, THE ESO CONSIDERS HIM AVAILABLE TO PERFORM SPECIFIED TASKS. P/1 NOTED THAT THE ESO CAN RECALL HIM AT ANY TIME.

3. IN THIS REGARD, P/1 ASKED IF [] WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP HIM RECEIVE THE SHAM SURGERY. HE TOLD C/O THAT THE REASON HE WANTED THE SURGERY WAS TO PERMIT HIM TO RETURN TO LIBYA WITH EVIDENCE OF A MEDICAL DISABILITY WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO QUIETLY RESIGN FROM HIS CURRENT POSITION AND TO AVOID ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT WORK. IN EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH THE SHAM SURGERY COULD BE PERFORMED, P/1 TOLD C/O THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE WOULD HAVE TO CLEARLY DOCUMENT THE NATURE OF HIS ILLNESS WITH THE LAA AS WELL AS WITH THE LPB IN MALTA, JUSTIFYING THE NECESSITY OF SEEKING MEDICAL ATTENTION ABROAD. HE FEARED THAT THIS WOULD RAISE A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND UNWANTED SUSPICIONS AMONG LIBYAN OFFICIALS. EXPRESSING CERTAINTY THAT ANY SURGERY WOULD HAVE TO BE PERFORMED IN MALTA, P/1 TOLD C/O THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY A LOCAL DOCTOR WHOM HE COULD BRIBE TO PERFORM THE SHAM SURGERY. C/O TOLD P/1 THAT THIS MIGHT PROVE TO BE THE BEST SOLUTION AND BOTH AGREED TO GIVE THE MATTER ADDITIONAL THOUGHT.

4. P/1 SHOWED HIS CONCERN FOR HIS SECURITY THROUGHOUT THE MEETING BY WALKING AROUND SEVERAL TIMES AND CHECKING THE DOOR AND WINDOW. HE ALSO CHAIN SMOKED AND DRANK THREE LARGE CUPS OF COFFEE DURING THE TWO HOUR PERIOD. UNFORTUNATELY, TIME RESTRAINTS CAUSED LARGELY BY TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS PREVENTED C/O FROM RAISING REF REQUIREMENTS WITH P/1. WE WILL POSE THESE QUESTIONS TO P/1 AT THE NEXT FEW MEETINGS.

5. FOR HER PART, THE TRANSLATOR AGREED TO CONTINUE TO TO ASSIST IN THE DISCUSSIONS. SHE ACCEPTED LM 60 (APPROXIMATELY USD 180) FOR HER SIX HOURS OF PREVIOUS WORK AND AGREED TO ACCEPT A SALARY OF LM 10 (USD 30) PER HOUR FOR HER FUTURE SERVICES.

6. ALTHOUGH P/1 HESITATINGLY AGREED TO HAVE C/O INTRODUCE HIM TO AN [] ARABIC SPEAKER FAMILIAR WITH LIBYAN AFFAIRS AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, HE TOLD C/O HE WANTED TO GIVE THE MATTER

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MORE THOUGHT AND AGREED TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL AT THE NEXT MEETING. [] WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR [] TO MEET WITH P/1 IN MALTA AFTER WE HAVE OBTAINED P/1'S AGREEMENT. IF 24 SEP MEETING GOES AS PLANNED WE WOULD SCHEDULE THE NEXT MEETING WITH P/1 IN EARLY OCTOBER. PLEASE ADVISE POSSIBLE DATES THAT [] COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING WITH P/1 DURING THIS TIME FRAME.

7. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT P/1 RETURNED TO MALTA WITHOUT ANY APPARENT FALLOUT FROM THE AUGUST INCIDENT AND THAT HE AGREED TO CONTINUE A CLANDESTINE RELATIONSHIP WITH C/O. P/1 HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS CURRENTLY ABLE TO OBTAIN VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM ESO OFFICIALS. DESPITE HIS STATED DESIRE TO AVOID FUTURE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT, OUR GOAL WILL BE TO PERSUADE HIM TO REJOIN THE ESO ON OUR BEHALF BY OFFERING HIM GENEROUS REWARDS FOR HIS EFFORTS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO BUILD HIS CONFIDENCE IN [] BY DEMONSTRATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST HIM WITH HIS NEEDS.

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